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In Re Application of:

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Assignee respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 21, 2010. Assignee respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance. In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this response to the Final Office Action so that the Final Office Action mailed January 21, 2010 is now effectively made non-final.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.